

# REM x-cut Integration Project

## - Project Planning Meeting -

Half Moon Bay, CA  
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# Meeting Objectives

- Make sure we all understand basic structure, vision, and goals of the project
  - » project leadership and program connections
  - » key project elements
  - » who's signed up for what?
- Problem definition and design
  - » focus on requirements from our users (Charlie, Greg, Lee)
  - » need long-term design vision/plan
  - » need short-term prioritized plan to get high-valued deliverables out in FY00



# Meeting Agenda

08:30 introductions and agenda review (robert/all)

08:45 opening remarks from REM program (pete dean)

09:00 project overview (robert)

09:30 model manager / meshing framework design

- review functional requirements (ben)

- what do designers need? (lee/charlie/greg)

10:15 break

10:30 continue above design discussion

12:00 lunch



# Meeting Agenda

12:30 discussion of data abstractions (all)

- mesh representations (EX-II/DMF)
- solid model representations

13:30 discussion of core architecture (REM arch group report)

14:00 break

14:30 discussion of viz requirements/plans

15:00 numerical components (alan)

15:30 discuss next steps and action items

16:30 adjourn



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## - Project Overview -

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# Basic questions

- What is the REM x-cut integration project?
- What problem are we solving?
- How are we planning to solve this problem?
- Who's involved, and how?
- What's the current status?
- What's next?



# X-cut Integration Project

- REM x-cut focus application serves as a focal point for program and technology integration
  - » B61 laydown is the initial x-cut focus app
  - » other apps being evaluated for follow-on activities
  - » requirements are based on mission critical weapons applications
  - » view problem from soup to nuts (end-to-end, D-to-A, perspective)
  - » prioritize deliverables based on value to customer (designers and weapons codes)
- REM/PSE/DISCOM programs merge to meet strategic needs
  - » integrated project plan (PSE/DISCOM IP) developed
  - » project needs apps support and involvement



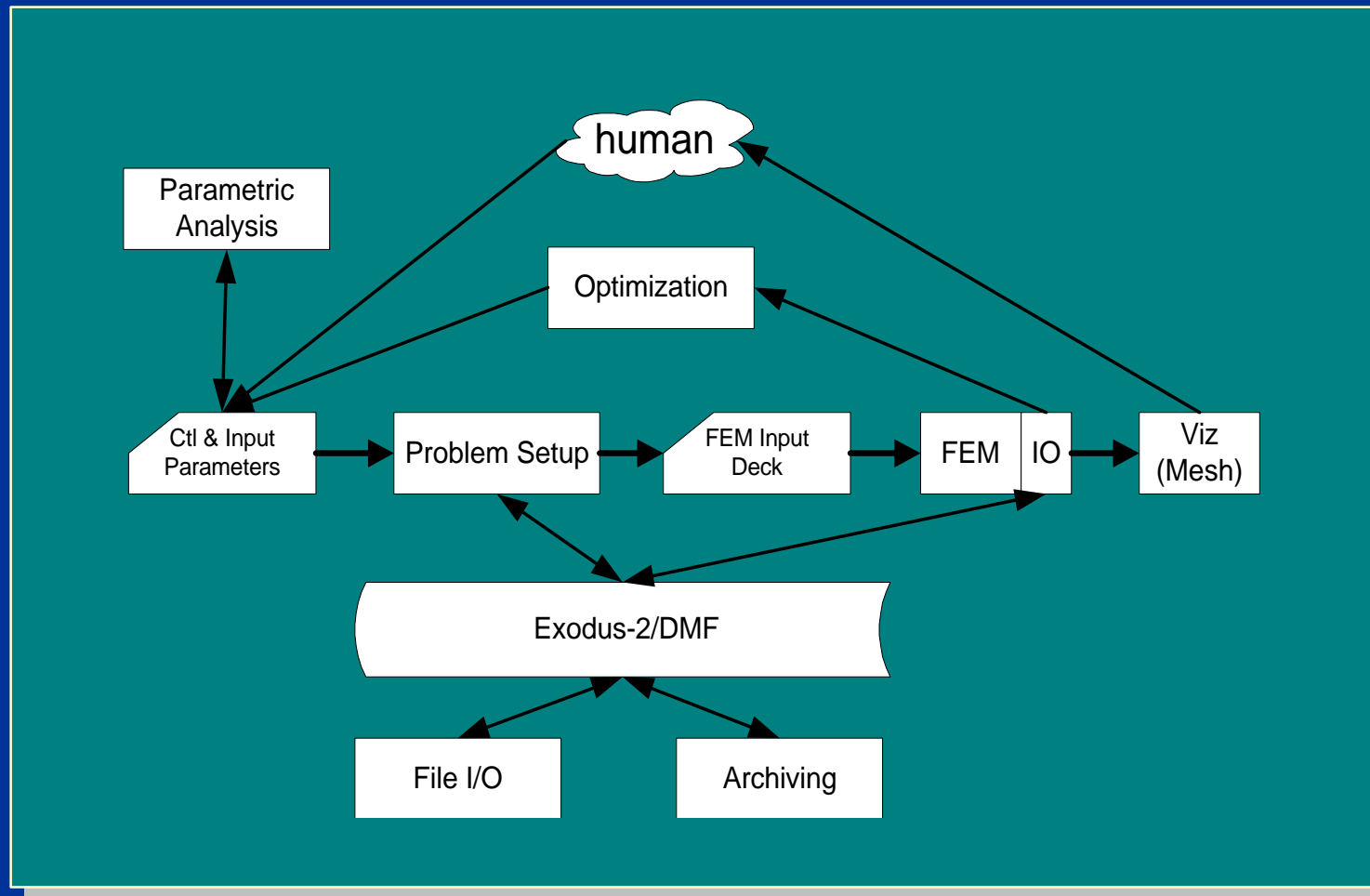
# B61 Laydown Problem

- FY00 x-cut focus app -

- **Primary purpose:** to provide focus and demonstrate core REM/PSE/DISCOM technologies on a mission critical application
- Initially focusing on the nose-cone-crush modeling problem
- Driven by the needs of the weapons designers, analysts, and application developers (B61 designers and analysts, Sierra, Presto/Pronto, ACCESS)
- **Key objectives...** *to significantly reduce the (wall-clock) time and complexity required to setup and run models while improving basic modeling capabilities, and to provide improved model management (rerun and archiving) capabilities.*

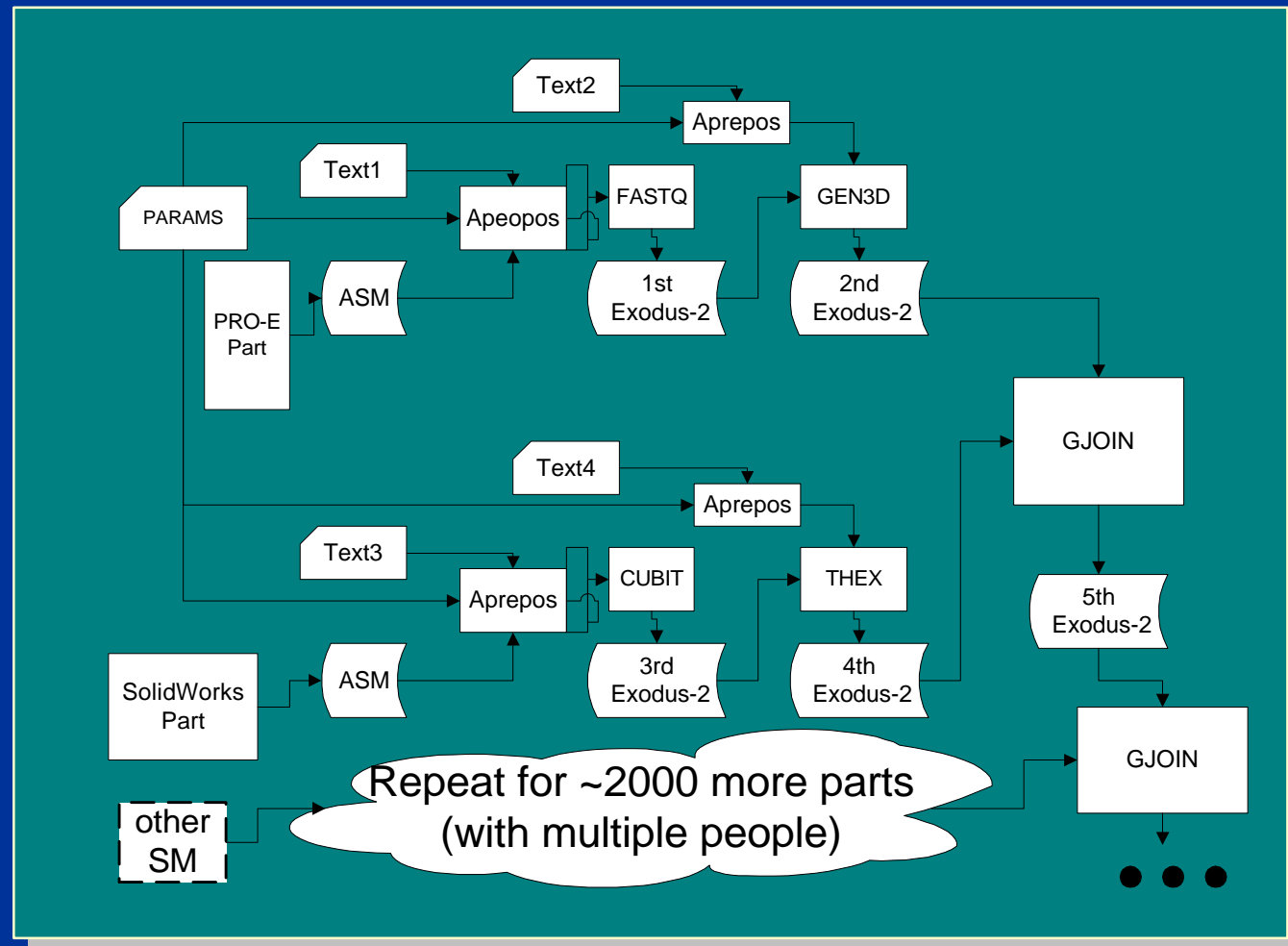


# Really big picture (integrate end-to-end modeling)

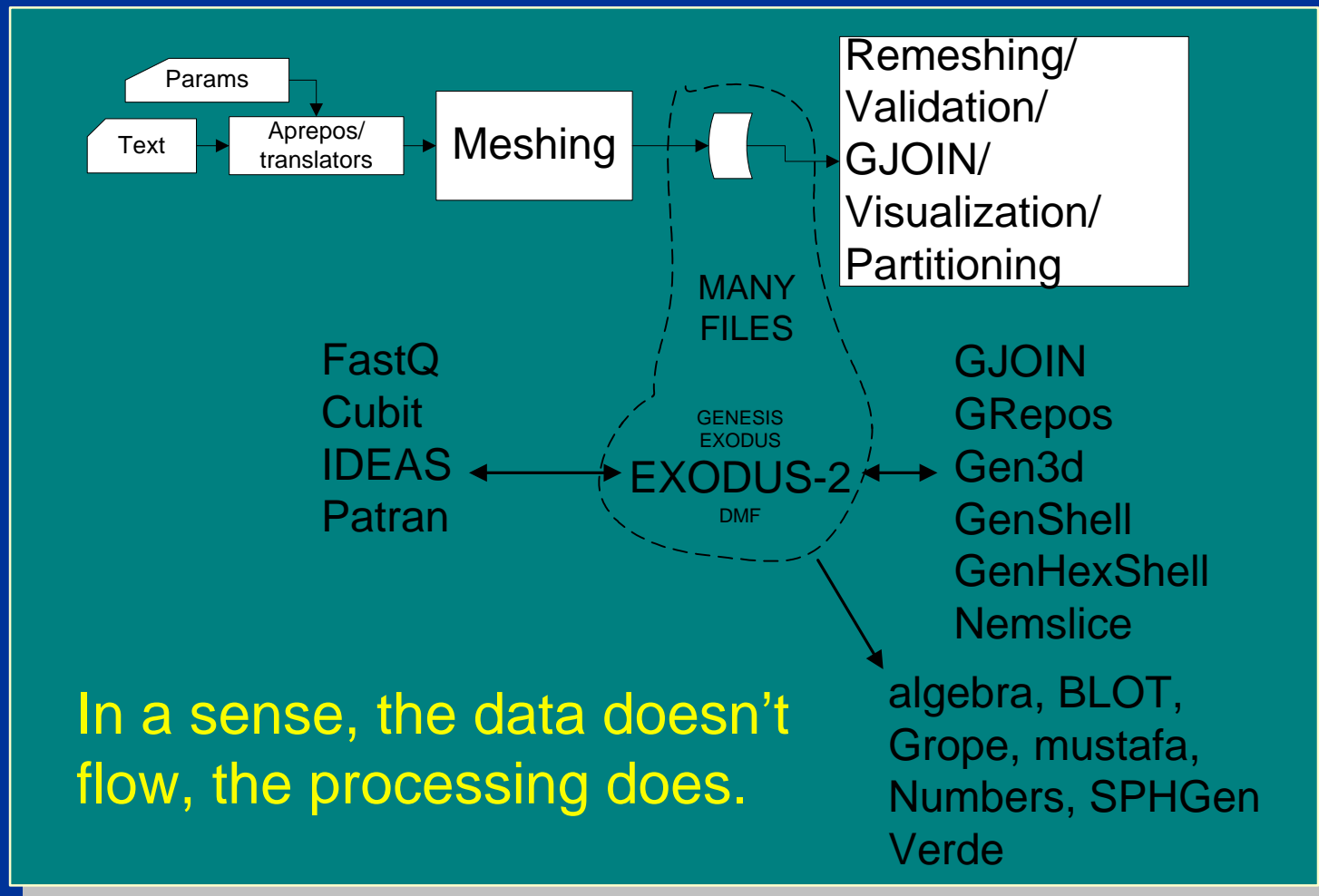


# Large-scale integrated model management is a nightmare

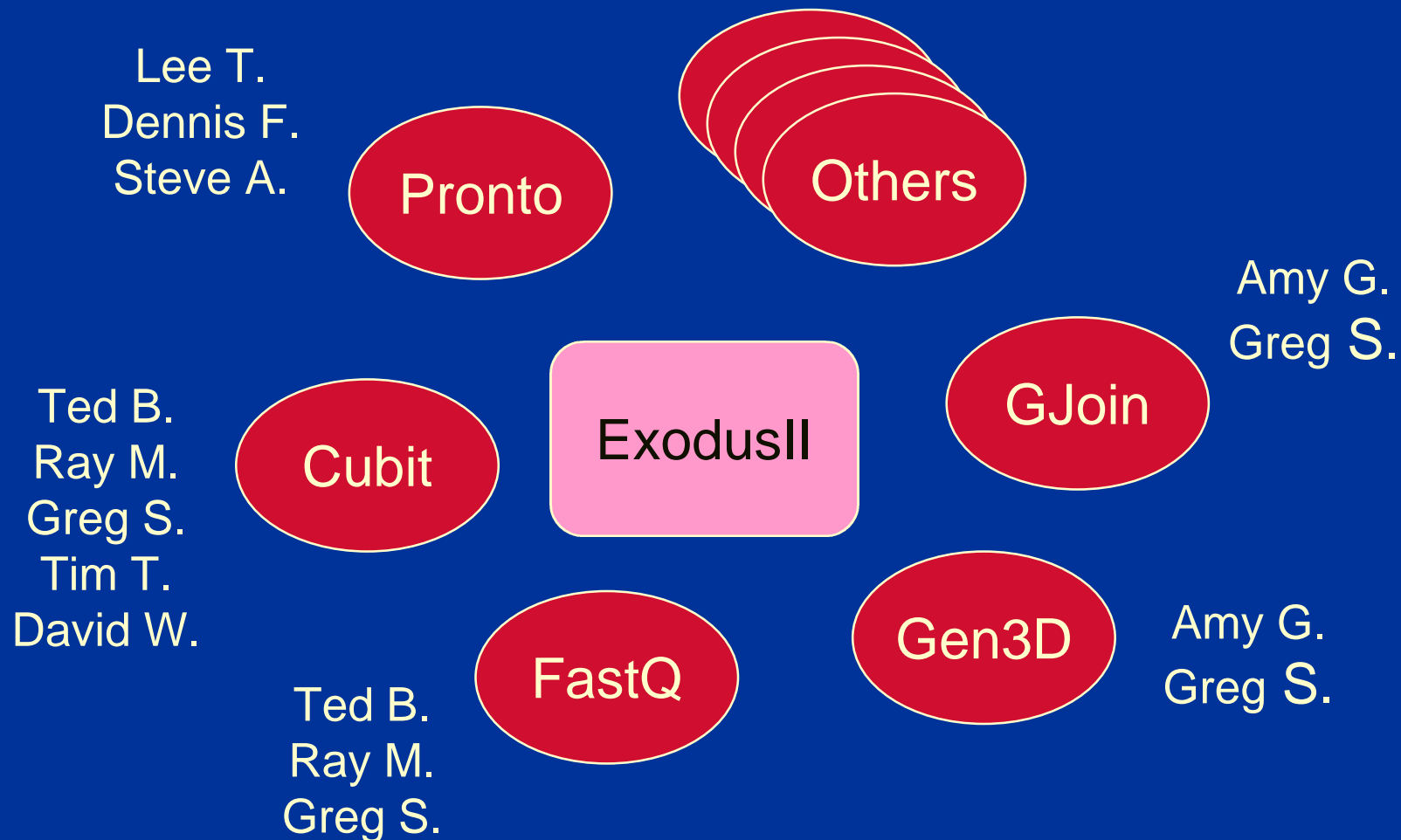
... by hand:



# Large-scale integrated data management isn't much better



# Current state of B61 laydown model setup system represents an ad hoc evolution of tools



# Is this problem unique to the B61 laydown modeling effort?

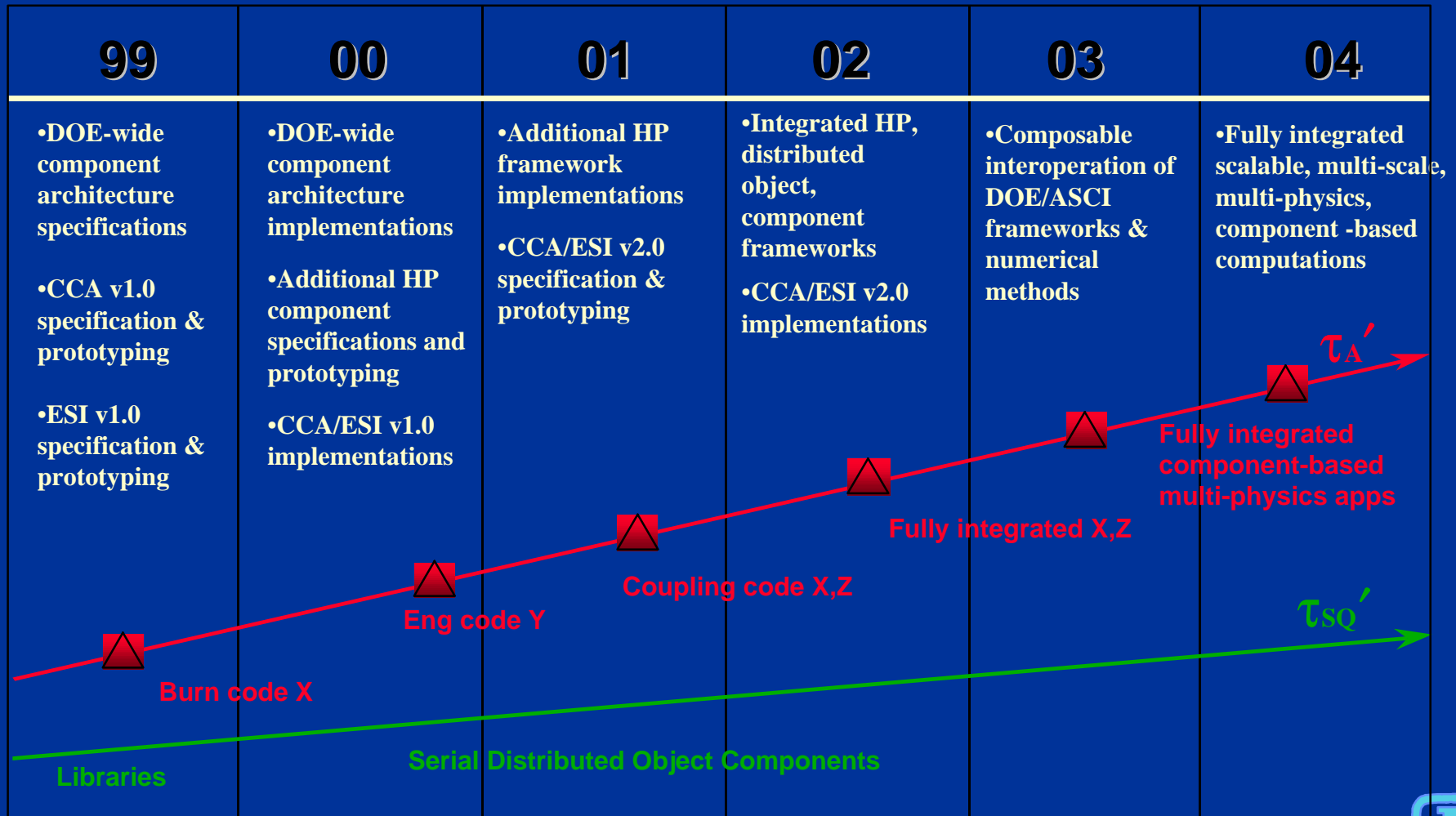
*Absolutely not.*

Essentially all SNL FE app codes and modeling efforts use a common set of tools that comprise the 'model setup system' (e.g., ACCESS).





# Scalable Component Architectures (ASCI SW Integration Barrier Curve)



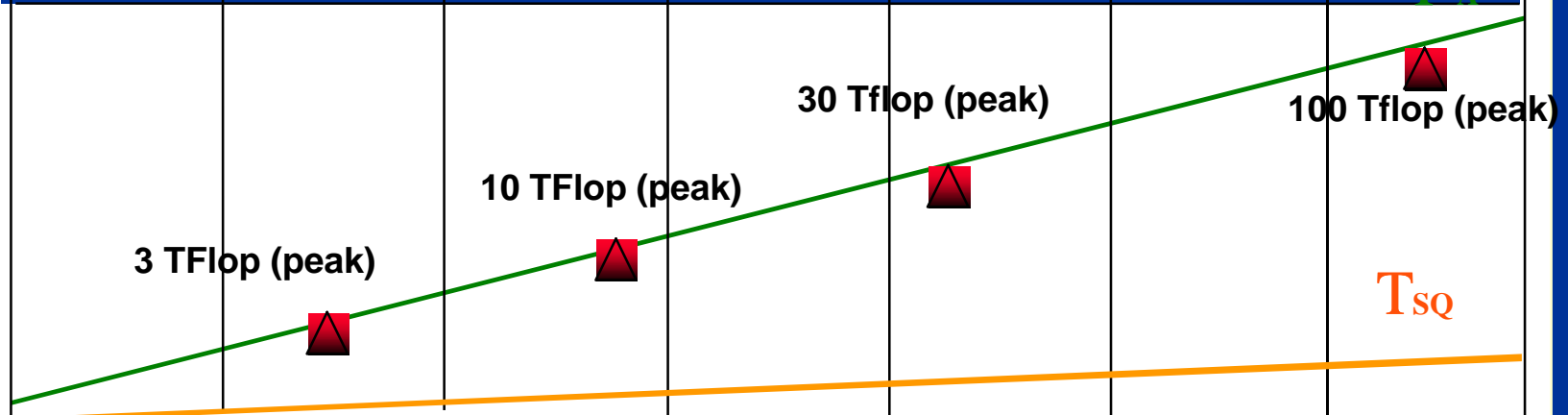


# Problem Setup

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Serial prob. setup of 10 M UCD in 6mos</li></ul> <p>Industry improving at ~ 5% per year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Serial prob. setup of 10 M UCD in 3mos</li><li>Tool for checking mesh validity</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Serial prob. setup of 10 M UCD in 1mo</li><li>Serial prob. Setup of 100M UCD in 3 mos</li><li>Parallel adaptive meshing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Serial prob. setup of 10 M UCD in 2wks</li><li>Interleaved meshing and load balancing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Serial prob. setup of 10M UCD in 1 wk.</li><li>Parallel multilevel meshing</li></ul> <p>We need a factor of 2-3 per year improvement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Serial prob. Setup of 10M UCD in 3 days</li><li>Automated meshing for optimization</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Serial prob. setup of 10M UCD in 1 day</li><li>Serial prob. setup of 1B UCD in 3mos</li></ul> <p><math>T_A</math></p>

Platforms



# Solution (CS strategy)

- CS technical strategy
  - » develop/deploy a fully extensible component architecture
    - integration of loosely- and tightly-coupled components
    - draw from existing frameworks (SI/PDO, PRE, CCA, ESI, FEI, IDEAS, ...) to form core architecture and services
  - » leverage commercial developments (e.g., EJB, CORBA, COM, ...)
  - » address technology gaps missing from commercial sector
  - » base the components on open standards where possible
- Focus on a particular ASCI weapons problem
  - » top-down design and prioritization
  - » ASCI scale problems - size matters
- Run this as a large-scale SW project



# Primary Project Elements

- Integrated model development and management system
  - » Model Manager
    - provide integrated environment for D-to-A tools and info
    - simplify process by better, integrated tools
    - improve info content and repeatability for modeling runs
    - improve ‘rerun’ capability for design and model refinement
    - objective is to drive wall-clock time down and reliability up
  - » “In-core” DMF (persistent object)
  - » Integrated meshing tools
    - mesh joining and validation (w/ vis)
    - improve selected tools as well as overall integration (e.g., Gjoin++)
    - standards-based development:
      - data standards (e.g., DMF, solid model representations)
      - component-based



# Primary Project Elements

- Component-base system architecture
  - » fully extensible
  - » leverage existing tools (e.g., PRE, SI/PDO, ACCESS,...)
  - » serves as backbone for integrating tools and services
  - » addresses both loosely-coupled and high-performance domains
- Numerical services components:
  - » continued advances to FEI and ESI (solver services)
    - spec and implementation advances
    - include and augment existing methods base
    - eigen solver / direct solver / multi-level solver extensions
    - combine collective DOE capabilities for modelers
  - » general constraint handler component (“constraint central” - Lee Taylor)
    - unified interface for (FEM) constraint handling
    - BC / MPC / contact constraints
    - hierarchical prioritization (BC <- MPC <- CC)
    - number of constraints ~millions (i.e., ASCI scale)



# Primary Project Elements

- Visualization components
  - » “standard” ASCII mesh viewing tools
  - » “standard” ASCII FE results (e.g., isosurfaces) viewing tools
  - » DMF-based interface to mesh data
- Desktop interface to services
  - » web-based access
  - » leverage SNL common engineering environment tools



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# x-cut FY00 Budget Summary

● Core architecture & framework services	4.0	FTE
● Front-end service presentation	1.0	
● Model Manager	4.0	
● Integrated meshing components	5.5	
● Numerical components	2.25	
● Data service components	1.0	
● Viz service/component support	2.0	
● Planning/mngmt/integration	1.0	
● FTE Summary .....	20.75	FTE
● \$250k/FTE .....	5.2	M\$
● DC .....	0.1	M\$
● Total (PSE & DISCOM).....	5.3	M\$



# Architectre (4 FTE)

● Rob Armstrong	1.0
● Ly Sauer	1.0
● Bob Whiteside	0.5
● Vic Holmes	1.0
● Robert Clay	0.5
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	4.0



# Model Manager (4 FTE)

● Ben Allen	0.5
● Ruthe Vandewart	1.0
● Rob Leland*	0.5
● tbn	2.0
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	4.0



# Integrated Meshing Tools (5.5 FTE)

● Noel Nachtigal	0.5
● NCSA	1.5
● Rob Leland*	1.0
● Gary Templet	0.5
● Don Funkhouser	1.0
● tbn	1.0
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	5.5



# Numerical Frameworks (2.25 FTE)

● Alan Williams	1.0
● Ben Allan	0.5
● Noel Nachtigal	0.5
● tbn	0.25
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	2.25



# Data Services (1 FTE)

- Philip Kegelmeyer\* 1.0  
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1.0



# Front-end Services (1 FTE)

● Dave Miller	0.5
● tbn	0.5
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# Vis (2 FTE)

● John Linerbarger	1.0
● Dino Pavlakos*	1.0
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# Management and Integration (1 FTE)

● Robert Clay	0.5
● Jim Ang	0.5
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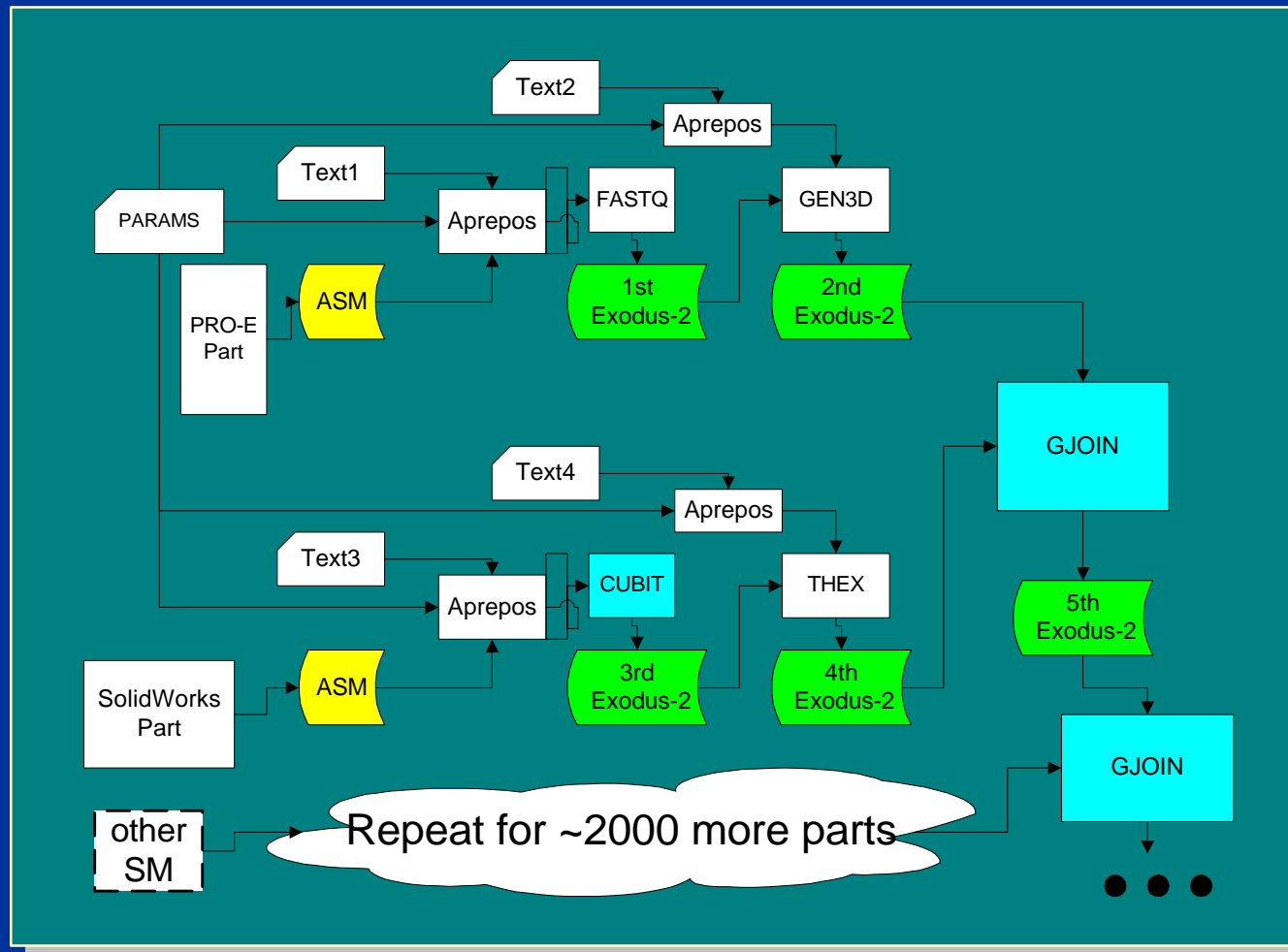


# Current status

- PSE/DISCOM IP submitted
  - » written as joint program project plan
  - » detailed project plan due by 10/1/99
- B61/Presto/Sierra functional requirements definition in progress
  - » primary areas identified
  - » detailed requirements definition in progress
  - » model manager spec being drafted
  - » Gjoin++ spec in progress
  - » DMF spec in progress (just starting)
  - » Mesh visualization requirements definition in progress



# Tools are being improved and turned into components and services



# What's next?

- Complete integrated plan for x-cut project
  - » due by 10/1/99
  - » synchronize with B61 requirements
- Software Integration Architecture specification
  - » draft due 8/99
  - » proposal due 11/99
- Integrated “problem setup” design spec
  - » define functional requirements
  - » design system
  - » define path to build system
    - long term design needed
    - short term development critical - what can we do in 6-12 months to be help Charlie, Greg, Lee, and co.?



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